GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT

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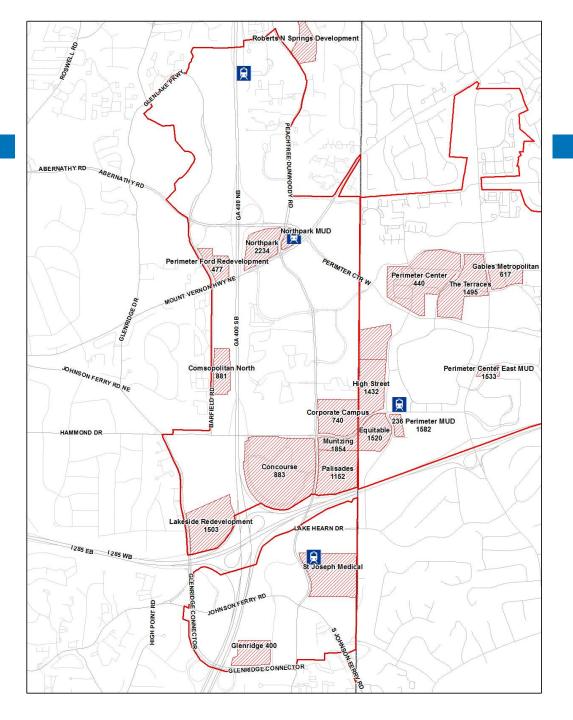


Current Environment - Reactive

- Over 1,600 building permits issued in 2014
- In the last three years 54 new non residential buildings have be permitted
- 1,600 multi-family units under construction or recently completed
- A total of 15 DRIs since 2000 within the City
- 19 rezoning cases in 2013, 30 in 2014
- Three moratoriums to allow time to make Zoning Code changes
- Three Zoning Ordinance Amendments in 2012 and 2013, ten in 2014

DRI Map

Developments of Regional Impact in PCID approved since 2000



Permit Activity

Permit Type	Permits Issued			
	2011	2012	2013	2014
New Commercial Buildings	8	16	17	21
New Single Family Detached Homes	60	119	133	145
New Single Family Attached Homes	28	96	168	122
New Multi-Family Residential Buildings	14	0	4	16
Commercial Improvements	427	509	581	638
Residential Improvements	753	687	728	735
Land Disturbance Permits	26	29	38	31
Demolition Permits	39	68	96	136
TOTAL	1,355	1,524	1,765	1,844



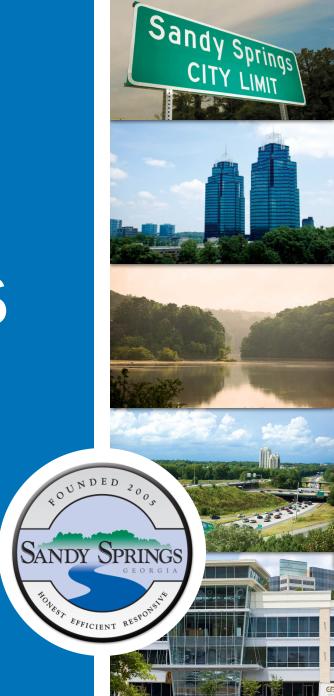
Current Environment - Reactive

- Significant amount of development occurring across the City
- Very few undeveloped parcels remain in PCID
- Once constructed these projects will be in place for many years; we have one chance to get it right
- Disconnect exists between the Comprehensive Plan and what is desired
- Planning by zoning case
- No quick fix



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The Next Ten Years

Major Opportunities and Challenges



Opportunities

- 1. Strong Economy
- 2. Desirable Community to Live
- 3. New City Center



Challenges

Sustainable Growth



- 1. Preserve and Enhance Community Character
- 2. Increase Housing Choices
- 3. Achieve Priorities Beyond City Center
- 4. Crafting a Plan for the Future



Strategy 1: Preserve and Enhance Community Character

Benefits:

Sandy Springs residents enjoy the best aspects of growth, while city retains reputation as a highly desirable community



Strategy 2: Increase Housing Choices

Benefits:

Greater residential choices means an ample supply of housing for workforce and residents of all ages



Strategy 3: Achieve Priorities Beyond City Center

Benefits:

Balanced growth, improved public facilities and services that result in an improved quality of life for all



Strategy 4: Crafting a Plan for the Future

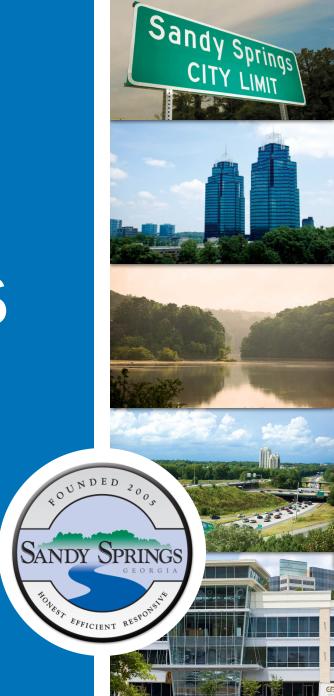
Benefits:

A plan to navigate new circumstances Targeted plans for priority areas



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2027 Comprehensive Plan

Approved in 2007

Includes:

- Policies for housing, economic development, natural resources, redevelopment, land use, community facilities, parks, and transportation
- Activity nodes and policies for each node
- Short Term Work Program that must be updated annually
- The Land Use Plan Map



Comprehensive Plan Update

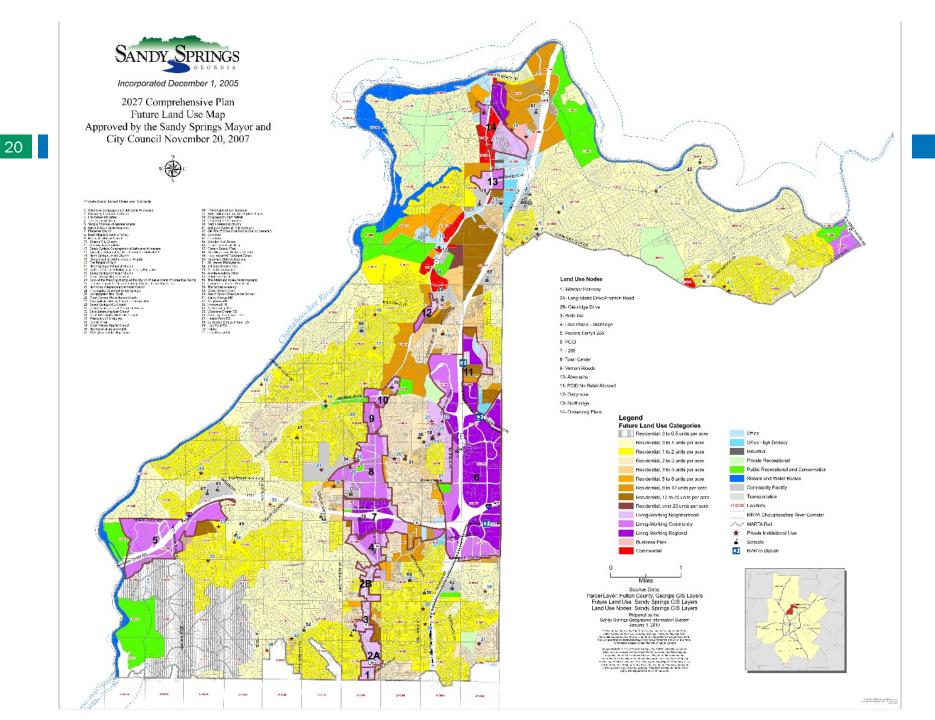
- Plan must be updated every 10 years
- Update must be completed by October 31, 2017
- Submittal to Atlanta Regional Commission and Department of Community Affairs for approval is required

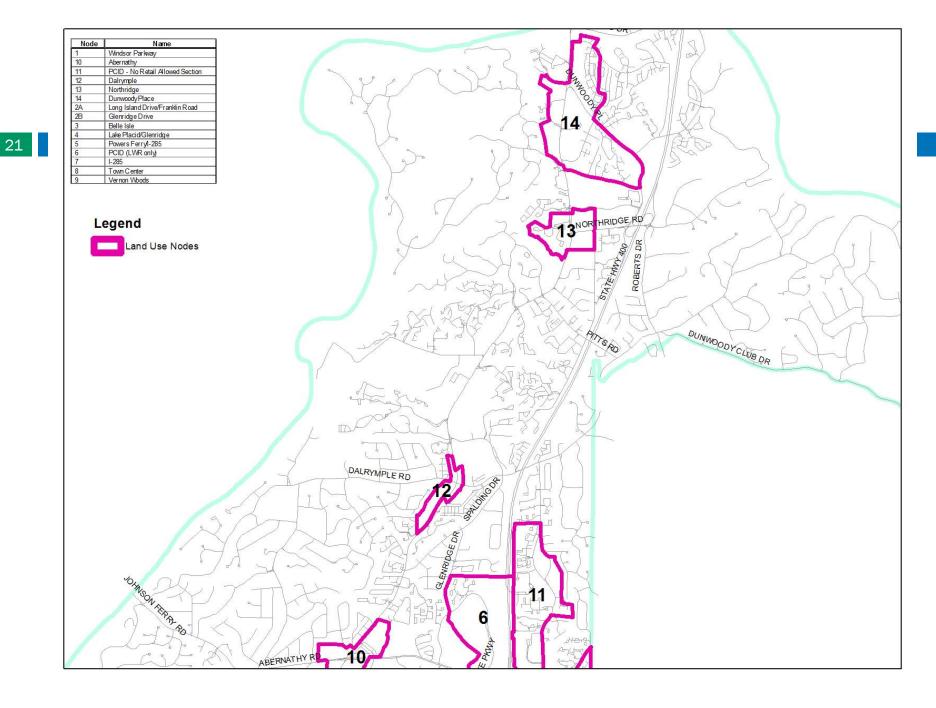


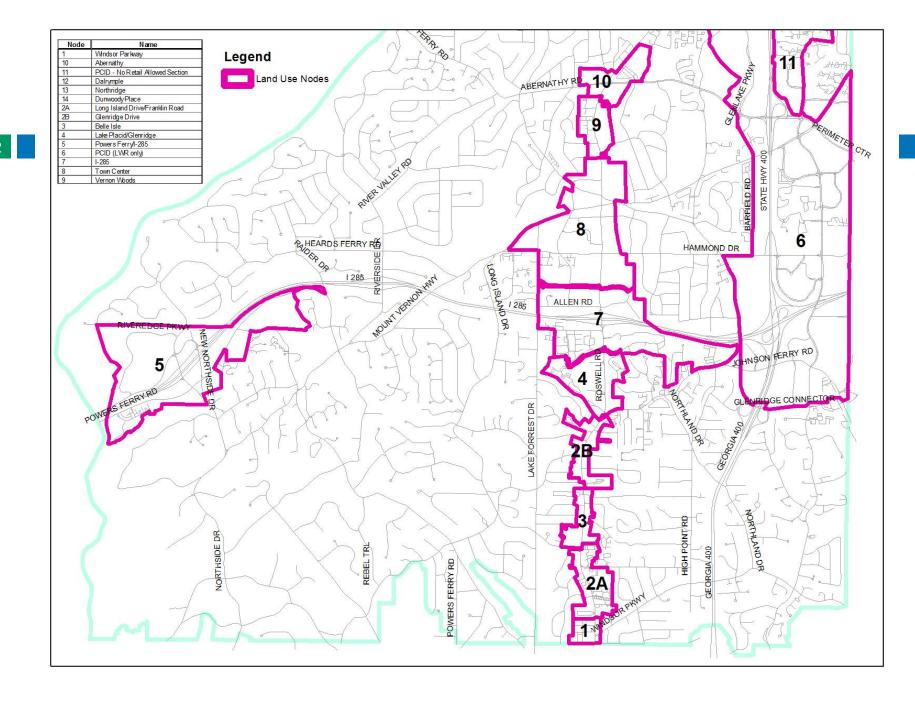
2027 Comprehensive Plan

- The Plan has served its purpose; the development environment is different today
- Is too general, lacks specificity
- Does not provide adequate guidance, particularly regarding densities
- It is not a user friendly document
- The Land Use Plan Map lacks adequate detail along Roswell Road and within the PCID area









2037 Comprehensive Plan

Manage Growth to Ensure Success

- Obtain market analysis and other consultant assistance as appropriate
- Use the 15 nodes in the 2027 Comprehensive Plan as a starting point
- Develop small area plans that incorporate more detail than the existing Comprehensive Plan
- Significant community involvement, similar to Goody Clancy planning process
- Initial focus: PCID, City Center and the South Roswell Road area
- Comprehensive Plan that consists of City Wide component and small area plans

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